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MANY EVENTS BEING PLANNED FOR SENIOR WEEK

Alumni Banquet, Retreat, Final Exams, and Senior Ball Mark Final Week

Final examinations will occupy the majority of the time of the Graduating Class during the week of May 6 to 12, which is to be known as Senior Week. During this week will also be held the Senior ball, the annual banquet sponsored by the Alumni, and as a climax to an eventful week, commencement exercises will be held on Sunday, May 12.

Retreat for the Seniors will be held in the Franciscan Retreat Home in San Francisco during the last few weeks of school. The class will be divided into groups, and each group will spend one week-end at the Home, where it will have a chance to hear devotional exercises and have a place for solitude and meditation.

Alumni Sponsor Banquet

It is traditional that the members of the Graduating Class are the guests of the Alumni at a banquet given once a year. This banquet is usually marked with speeches by members of the Alumni, the Senior class, and representatives of the faculty.

Bids to the Senior Ball, which is regarded as the outstanding social affair of the year, are very scarce. They are issued only to members of the class, and it is not uncommon for undergraduates to attempt to bribe the hloders of the same in order to attend the function.

When the commencement exercises are held in front of the Chapel on May 12, Saint Mary's College will witness the passing of one of the most capable classes ever to leave her portals.

During Senior Week all regular classes for the Seniors will be suspended in order to afford time for the ordeal of final examinations. Between examinations, the graduates will be seen cavorting around the campus, as though they were treading on air, making life unbearable for the rest of the school.

New Members Join A. P. G. U. Society

The A. P. G. U., the literary society of the campus, has increased its numbers materially by the initiation held on the twelfth of last month. There has been only one initiation held this year, in contrast to the bi-annual custom of the past, occasioned by the turmoil of new surroundings and somewhat of a lull in the society's activities. However, the initiation was a success, as initiations go, the neophytes being made to suffer for the pent up emotions of the old members. The success of the initiation may be judged by the "passing out" of one of the applicants.

After being fully impressed with the importance of belonging to the society and having borne up under the ordeal the applicants were duly admitted and expressed their gratification at the banquet held immediately after the ceremonies proper. The gratification was mutual, as the old members are aware of the merit of the new members and feel that they cannot but be an addition to the society's list of members.

IN MEMORIAM

The faculty and students of Saint Mary's College wish to extend their most heartfelt sympathy to Joe Carol, a member of the Freshman class, in the loss of his father.

It is urged that all students will remember Mr. Carol in their prayers.

New Tennis Courts Have Special Surface

New Asphalt Product Used by Originator on St. Mary's Racquet Arena

"The new tennis courts at Saint Mary's will compare favorably with any on the coast." This is the statement of Steel P. Dunn, driveway, yard and tennis court pavement contractor, and the man who has constructed the College courts. Dunn has just recently completed a trip throughout the Coast territory, in which he has made a careful study of tennis court construction, paving and design, and he has tried to incorporate in the new courts the results of his investigations.

Originates Surface Idea

Dunn, a former member of the Bitmults Corporation, is the originator of the idea of laying tennis courts with "Bitmults," a patented emulsified asphalt product manufactured by the Bitmults Corporation. This material, although new in its use as a tennis court surfacing, has been used in Europe since 1919 as a path and driveway covering, and appeared in America in 1925 as a road and highway surfacing material. In California, Contra Costa County pioneered in the use of emulsified asphalt products for the county highways with such success that the use has spread throughout the state, and the material has been adopted for many of the state highways.

Good Court Surface

The reason for the excellent surface resulting from the use of "Bitmults" lies in its extremely high penetrating ability. Because of this valuable quality, the product penetrates deeply into the underground and gravel base to produce a lasting, firm, playing court which could not be had with the so-called "hot-oil" pavements, combinations of about 75 per cent asphalt and 25 per cent crude oil, which must be heated to obtain the best penetrating quality and which cool so quickly that much of this is lost.

Does Not Become Soft

Another important characteristic of these emulsifications of asphalt and water is absence of melting and softening, or "bleeding," as this is technically known. This characteristic peculiar to "Bitmults" and "Laykold," another similar product, will be of great importance, as the College tennis courts will be subject to intense heat in the summer time, this ordinarily causing pavements to become soft, sticky and unusable.

Sacrament Trip Is Enjoyed by St. Mary's Club

Twenty members of Saint Mary's Art Club under the able guidance of Brother Cornelius, enjoyed a fine spring afternoon last Friday in the state capital, Sacramento. The principal object of the motor tour was to inspect and study the original paintings of the Crocker Art Gallery, reputed to be the third leading collection in the United States.

The caravan started in the morning with an exciting race to Hotel Senator, the goal. Three of the six competing autos tied for first place, the others, being Fords, straggled along in time for lunch, which was hastily cosumed. The party then walked to the Capitol and saw the twelve mural paintings of Maynard Dixon in the main room of the building, depicting stages in California from the primitive Indians to the modern cities. A hurried examination of the art exhibits, mural painting, and wood prints in the new State Library building then followed.

The art enthusiasts next went to the Crocker Gallery, where two memorable hours were spent in admiring the priceless treasures of the gallery. Brother Cornelius gave informal lectures on each of the famous originals of Rembrandt, Zoboran, Rubens, Ribera, Guido, and many other world famous artists. The afternoon was soon gone and the group broke up after the nature paintings of William Keith were examined.

OFFICIAL

April 10—Cottle Oratorical essays due.

April 18—Cottle Oratorical contest in Arts and Letters building, 8:15.

Commencement Exercises will be held on Sunday, May 12, 1929.

Final examinations for Seniors May 6 to May 10.

Final examinations for other students, May 13 to May 17.

GAEL ANNUAL IN HANDS OF PRINTER

Now that nearly all copy for the Gael is in the hands of the printer and the engraver, the editors are able to issue rather definite statements about the general appearance of the annual.

The graduate photographs came out remarkably well. This year there will be two Seniors to the page, while a brief "who's who" will be given under each picture. The best literary talent on the campus has been engaged to make these write-ups as interesting and snappy as possible.

The pictures of the various clubs have been returned from the engraver and this new feature of the annual will show the various activities of the campus better than in previous years, when only the officers of the clubs were portrayed.

The covers, which have already been received from the Royal Bookbinders of San Francisco, are of deep green and in a special grain of fabrikoid not seen before on the Pacific Coast. The name is stamped in gold foil on both the front and back of the book.

Under the leadership of Jack Fitzgerald of the Junior Class an intense selling campaign will be started next week. However, many subscriptions have been paid in the office of the annual in the Science Building.

Editor Dobbins promises that this year's book will be the best ever.

Martinez Sends Four Brothers to St. Mary's

Four new members of the Student Brothers joined the group of nine who have been pursuing their studies at Saint Mary's for the last three-quarters of the current year.

Coming from Martinez, where they completed their novitiate or first year of preparation for the life of the Christian Brothers, they have taken up residence at the College to prepare themselves for entrance into the Freshman Class next fall when they will follow the regular college course.

Those coming at this time for study are: Brother Bonaventure, Brother Gerard, Brother Raymond and Brother Eugene. They will be under the guidance of Brother Julian, assistant director of the Student Brothers and member of the faculty at the College.

NATIONAL ORATORS TO HOLD TRYOUTS

The elimination meet for the purpose of selecting a representative of Saint Mary s to represent the College in the National Oratorical Contest will be held right after the Easter vacation, according to Brother Agnon, veteran oratorical coach.

There are now three men who have signified their intentions to participate in the elimination contest. They are Harold Dobbins '31, Earl Long '31 and Leonard Thomas '30.

Santa Clara Represented

A recent copy of the Santa Clara, the weekly publication of the Universit yof Santa Clara, carried with it the names of fourteen entrants who will vie for honors in representing that institution. Although not as large as Saint Mary's, the interest in public speaking seems much higher than it is here.

Dates for Semi-Finals

The rules, published by the Better America Federation of California, under whose sponsorship the contest is being held, call for the selection of a spokesman from each college before April 15. The regional semi-finals will be held April 27, to be followed by the national semi-finals, which will be conducted from May 27 to 31. On June 20 the final winner will be selected.

Better Citizenship Aim

By holding such a contest, in which the speeches on the American Constitution are original, it is the aim of the sponsors to familiarize the students with their priceless heritage, and to help them to become better and more intelligent citizens.

Scholastic Averages Show Improvement

That the long nights of winter are conductive to study is more or less proved by figures on the scholastic ratings of the past quarter, compiled this week in the Dean's office. The average of the student body as a whole and of all the classes shows a marked increase over similar statistics of last semester. The student body average jumped from 1.383 grade points per unit, the average of the fall semester, to a high mark of 1.510. The average compares most favorably with those of other colleges on the Coast, most of which approximate the same figure.

The standing of the various classes remained relatively the same, with Seniors leading, Juniors second, Freshmen third, and Sophomores trailing. The same class standing prevails in regard to number of men placed on the honor roll and number of deficiencies.

The honor roll, incidentally, was one of the largest in the history of the College. Over 20 per cent of the student body placed on the coveted list.

"Steady Now, Miss" So Warns The Gallant 2:55 Brakeman

No longer does the little red school house hold fears for the grammar school students, for the old pedagogue, long of nose and quick of temper, has been replaced by a young and graceful member of the fairer sex. And if you doubt the writer's word, just board the 2:55 train to the City any Friday afternoon and you will see something that would make even the strictest celibate's heart go pitter-patter.

Between Saint Mary's and Oakland only one stop is made on Fridays—and that is Moraga, where the lone female passenger anxiously awaits the arrival of "our" special. As the train draws to a stop, the brakeman steps from the train platform with that ease and grace so characteristic of a ballet dancer. Without a moment's hesitation he takes her books and her bouquet of flowers, and, shades of Sir Walter Raleigh, he proffers her his strong arm.

Now comes the riddle. Instead of entering one of the coaches and taking a seat on one of the specially upholstered Sacramento Short Line divans, the "Maid of Moraga" awaits without. No, it isn't because there are not enough seats, nor is it because she is a little bit timid—oh no! Something else besides the scenery and the brakeman seems to hold her interest. Who he is we don't know, for there are several of these rear platform sheiks, some, perhaps, trying to get a date with the teacher. See if you can guess the right party. We've given up.

St. Mary's Grads to Go on European Tour

With what seems to be a wholesale invasion ,Saint Mary's students are preparing to follow the example started by members of last year's graduating class by planning various European tours. However, this year's list of travelers will include underclassmen as well, and will doubtless start a new custom at Saint Mary's. And there is no doubt that when students begin comparing coleges on the transatlantic liners, the Red and Blue will have its quota of supporters.

To Carry Own Dance Band

A majority of those making the summer excursion are sailing on the French liner DeGrasse, which will sail June 6, from New York. However, the students of this school will have a decided advantage over other factions in that they can claim to carry their own band with them. Ed Massa and his Varsity Band sail as the ship's orchestra on this date, and will dispense the music, so often heard on the campus, to the cash customers. Included in the orchestra are two other Seniors, Ed Tazer and Will Ridings.

According to Ed Massa, the band will be on the Continent seventy-two days, and will fill engagements at Paris, Geneva, and Venice. Members plan on visiting France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and England.

Senior Tourists Interviewed

Seniors questioned concerning the summer invasion gave the following hopes and plans:

Ed Tazer, basketball captain—I have already toured Australia and the South Seas; this trip will cover the other side of the world, which of course has more of the cultural to offer, and at the same time is far more interesting. I'm glad we're sailing on a French liner; I can get used to the lingo by the time we dock at Havre."

Ed Massa, Head Yell Leader—We intend to give Europe a taste of western dance music; I'm taking the first college orchestra from the Pacific Coast that will tour Continental Europe. We will cross the continent by train, arriving in New York a week before sailing time. It is a trip to look forward to."

Art Sherry, retired Editor of The Collegian—I've looked forward to this trip for some time, and I am particularly glad that we will have so many Saint Mary's men on the boat. I plan on spending four months on the Con-

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Pre-Medical Course at St. Mary's Approved

Official approval of the pre-medical course offered at Saint Mary's by the American Medical Association was announced today by Brother Ralph, Dean of the College. This means, according to the Dean, that any student who has finished his pre-medical course in good standing at Saint Mary's is eligible to register in the medical schools of any university or college in the country.

"While this approval gives pre-medical men at Saint Mary's an entrance to these technical colleges, it is well to bear in mind that many of the most representative medical schools recommend further study than the pre-medical and that they give first choice to applicants who have a bachelors degree," said Brother Ralph when asked how our affiliation would affect those who have completed the pre-medical course now in vogue at the College.

The Dean emphasized the fact that our affiliation with the Northwest Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools was responsible for recognition given by the American Medical Association.

Saint Mary's graduates have done well in the medical schools, especially at Creighton and St. Louis, where they have led their classes for the last few years. Most of these men received their A.B. degree before taking up the medical work and that, according to Brother Ralph, accounts in a great degree for their success.

JUNIOR PROM DATE ANNOUNCED

Bids, Favors and Programs Selected for Annual Junior Classic

After much discussion and argumentation about where and when the Junior Prom was to be held, the Class of '30 has finally reached an agreement satisfactory to all concerned.

The affair is to be held this year at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, on the evening of Friday, April 26. This agreement was reached after a thorough consideration of practically every hotel and club in the vicinity.

Bids Out Monday

With the time and place once definitely established, plans have gone ahead rapidly, and by next Monday the bids will be placed on sale. The price of the affair, which is to be formal, is $3 a couple.

The favors are to be red and blue scarfs, triangular shaped, with the figures of a couple dancing in the center, and a block "M '30" in one of the corners.

Many Requests for Bids

So far the requests from outsiders for bids to the Prom have been of sufficient number to assure the Junior class of the success of the dance both socially and financially.

EXERCISES IN CHAPEL COURT

"The court in front of the Chapel has been definitely decided upon as the site for the 1929 graduation exercises." This statement was issued by Henry L. Driscoll, president of the Senior class.

The decision was reached as a result of careful study of both the Chapel site and the Grove. The Seniors feel that the parking facilities at the Grove are inadequate, and that to walk from the school would be a hardship on some of the visitors, and i norder to make things as pleasant as possible, the Chapel site has been chosen. It has recently been decided to hold the ceremonies on Sunday, May 12.

Grove to Be Used in Future

The Grove is a beautiful spot and is ideal for graduation ceremonies, with the exception of its approach. In the future, when the road is in better condition and better parking facilities are to be had, the Grove will undoubtedly be used annually, but at present it is unsuitable.

Contra Costa County Flower Show Planned

The fifth annual flower show of the Mount Diablo P. T. A. Council will be held at Moraga, May 4. Awards will be made in the following classes:

Schools

1. Best general exhibit.
2. Most artistic exhibit.
3. Best exhibit of sweet peas.
4. Best exhibit of single kind of flower.
5. Best bunch of flowers from home garden, cut and arranged by child.
6. Wild flower exhibit. (a) Best variety; (b) most artistic.
7. Flowering shrubs.
8. Wild grasses.
9. Ferns.
10. Best basket from grammar grade.
11. Best basket from primary grade.

Adults

A. Roses.
B. Single specimen.
C. Basket or vase of mixed flowers.
D. Rare or unusual flower.
E. Bulbous.
F. Garden Club exhibits.

At the regular meeting of the council, held in Clayton this week, Mrs. Macey, chairman of the flower show committee, followed up her preliminary meeting of a few weeks ago by giving the council a definite outline of her plans.

Buxton Arrives in Guatemala

Alfred Buxton '28, a well-known alumnus, who left for the Monzon Coffee Plantation in Guatemala, has arrived there after a pleasant voyage. With Buxton was Raphael Monzon, also of '28, who is the son of the plantation owner.

When he arrived, Buxton found the crude and obsolete methods of the last century still in practice. In his capacity of efficiency expert, he will strive to eliminate, insofar as is possible, the methods now in use, replacing them with modern systems.

While there, Al will also make a study of the coffee industry, and after a couple of years in this work, he will return to take up a position here with an importing and exporting firm.

K. of C. Announce Adult Education

(By K. of C. Service)

Nothing done in recent years has met with so much approbation among the Knights of Columbus as the new program of adult education announced recently by the State Deputy of the California Jurisdiction of the National Order.

Under the chairmanship of Edwin C. Boehler of Huntington Park, units for the advanced study of Catholic truths so as to be able to spread it abroad have been organized in San Jose, Vallejo, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Pasadena, Sacramento and other towns.

This educational program is a return to a plan proposed nearly 25 years ago when education was set down as one of the first purposes of the Order.

Al Smith Is Presented with Notre Dame Medal

The Laetare medal, awarded annually by the University of Notre Dame to the lay Catholic of the United States who has achieved such distinction in his field of special endeavor as to reflect glory upon the Catholic Faith, will be given this year to Hon. Alfred E. Smith, former governor of the State of New York. The announcement of the award was made on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent.

The selection is determined by notable services to religion, art, science, literature, or to any other praiseworthy activities of life, as well as distinguished service to our country in public life. Some of the prominent lay Catholics who have been recipients of this award include: Miss Margaret Anglin, classical actress; John Gilmary Shea, historian; Maurice Francis Eagan, diplomat; Admiral Benson, Chief Justice Edward Douglas White and Charles J. Bonaparte, former attorney general of the United States.

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tinent, and on returning will spend some time in the Atlantic states.

Will (Whoopee) Ridings, Rally Chairman—O. Cinnamon Role and I will start something new in Europe. We will propose a peace treaty. Peace in Europe has been like the weather in California. Everyone has been talking about it, but no one has been able to do anything about it. Who knows, perhaps I may even start a prohibition movement and show Europe the blessings of "freedom.

Harry Bertain, President A. P. G. U.—If everything works out all right I will spend fifteen months in Europe. Most of the time, of course, will be spent in France.

Joseph Costa, Advertising Manager of The Collegian—I'm going over to study the French method of getting ads. I may be able to improve my technique. Anyhow, I've always wanted to ride in a French taxi.

Record Breaking Year

Advance reservations at steamship offices show that this year will break all records for travel to Europe. Over eighty persons from the East Bay section alone have booked passage on the DeGrasse, which is but one of the numerous vessels carrying tourists to European ports. The World Fair, held this year at Seville, Spain, is attracting thousands of American tourists, who would otherwise not go. And all indications seem to point out that Main Street in Europe this summer will pretty nearly resemble Main Street in America.

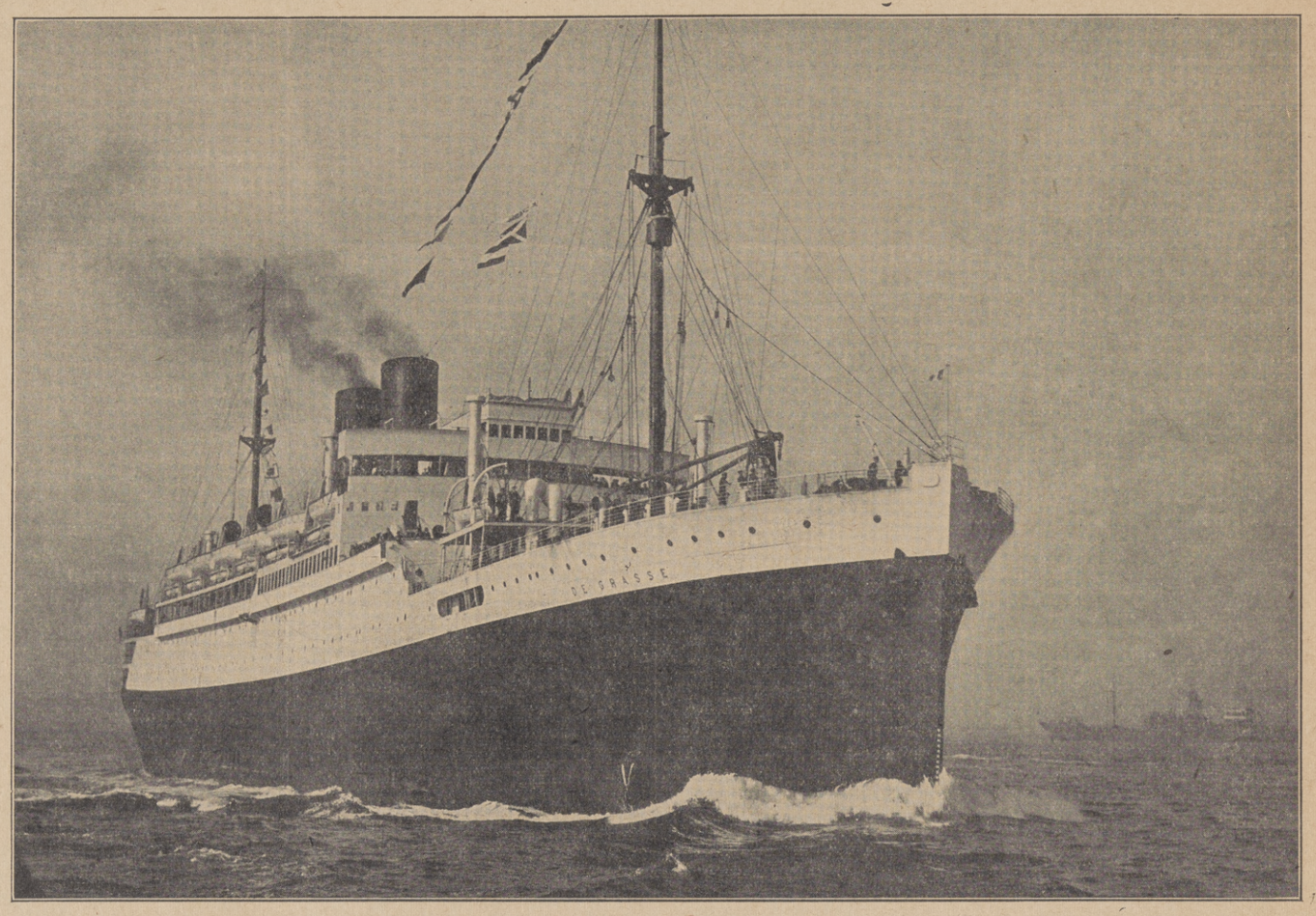
Pool Tournament Upset; Underhand Work Uncovered

A bombshell was exploded in the midst of the pool tournament, when Red Gavigan came through with the statement that during Easter recess some of the entrants had stolen a sneak and had spent all their waking hours in the pool hall. Gavigan complains that this type of procedure is the cause of much evil repute in regard to the clean and wholesome indoor sport of pool. "This has got to stop," said Gavigan in a recent interview, "and if the fellows have not enough intestinal fortitude to quit that sort of thing, I will not tolerate them in my tournaments." This statement was received by the student body with much rejoicing; at last our pool tournaments will be clean and upright, and will not be marred with disgusting sportsmanship. No attempt has been made as yet to find the transgressors, but Gavigan hints that he knows who they are, and will at any moment expose them.

First Round Played

Fifteen of the thirty entrants have been eliminated with the playing of the first round. Play was resumed last Wednesday and the Champ will soon be known. Mollier and MacAnney look like they will probably fight for the pennant.

S. S. "DE GRASSE" — FLOATING PALACE



The DeGrasse was christened in commemoration of one of the noble gentlemen of France, whose heroic exploits as an Admiral, and whose unswerving loyalty to the American Colonies, is of historic tradition. The vessel is 571 feet in length, 71-foot beam, with a 28-foot draft. A 17,000 ton twin-screw oil burner, and carries but 550 cabin class passengers.

"The name DeGrasse recalls the part that this gallant Admiral played in the Revolutionary war," said Professor Silva in his American Diplomacy course. "It must be remembered that the French and English were at grips over the West Indies. The Dutch had made inroads on the English trade; so Admiral Rodney made haste to get at the now obnoxious port of St. Eustatius, taking the main body of the fleet with him. The rest reads like a movie thriller.

"Count DeGrasse slipped away from the main British fleet; defeated an English fleet bringing reserves to Cornwallis at the mouth of Chesapeake bay, and landed 3000 French troops on the peninsula in their stead. Cornwallis had his retreat cut off and after a few vain attempts to escape, was forced to surrender.

"Later DeGrasse met defeat at the hands of the combined British fleet; which outnumbered him in men and vessels. Yet I think the importance of this colorful French Admiral in the Revolutionary war is sometimes lost sight of."

"THE GREAT WHITE NORTH" AMAZING RECORD OF ARCTIC

Thrills gathered over thousands of miles of ice floes, scenes showing the hardships General Nobile and his rescuers must have encountered after the wrecking of the Italia, battles with the huge animals of the Polar regions, are crowded into the Fox picture, "The Great White North," which is opening an engagement at the Grand Lake Theatre starting tomorrow.

The picture was made by H. A. Snow, who went into the Arctic for two purposes: to learn the fate of four members of Vilhjalmur Stefansson's expedition, who had disappeared ten years before. He not only found the remains of the men and their camp on Herald Island, but he also secured a pictorial record never before equalled.

Stefansson learned what had happened to his men for the first time when he reecntly visited the Fox New York offices and made a Movietone introductory talk for the picture.

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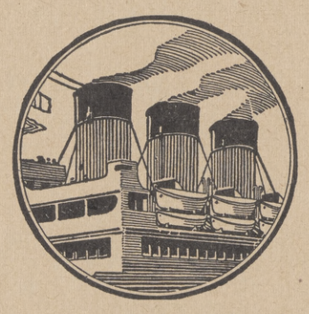

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Sports

SAINTS TO MEET U. S. C. SATURDAY

Trojans Will Present Strong Line-Up; Game to Be Played Here

The Saint Mary's varsity baseball team will meet the University of Southern California's team on the Moraga diamond Saturday, April 6. The game promises to become one of the best scheduled for this season. The Trojans are one of the best teams in the league this year and to date have held third place, losing only to Santa Clara and California.

The Saints will have to display a better brand of baseball than they have been showing if they hope to take the powerful Trojan team into camp. In their last six starts the Varsity have finished on the short end of the score and this will be their last chance to show that they can win ball games. From these defeats the Saints should obtain the necessary fight and send the unsuspecting Trojans home a defeated team.

First Game With U. S. C.

Saturday's game will be the first of a three game series and the only chance for East Bay fans to see the visiting U. S. C. team in action, as the other two games will be played at Los Angeles on the Trojans' home field. These two games and two with U. C. L. A. will finish the schedule for the Saints and also occupy their time while they are visiting the southern part of the state.

According to comparative scores, the Trojans are the better team, but the dope has been upset so much lately that it is more than likely that the Saints will advance another step in the standings of the teams.

The Saints' lineup will be the same as in the past with either Conlan or Dana on the mound, and either one of these gentlemen can put the "Indian sign" on the slugging Trojan outfit.

Many people think that all an outfielder has to be able to do is to hit well. The reason for this thought lies in the fact that practically all fielders are good hitters. Many amateur players do not take into consideration that there is an art to playing the outfield as there is in pitching.

Football Practice Suspended Last Week

Towns Exuberant When Heroes Return Keys to City Given Men

Numerous villages, ranging from the snow-topped Rockies to the sunny coast of California, celebrated Easter week. The festivities were not only caused by the fact that it was Easter, but mainly because the conquering heroes had returned home. The mayors of the coming metropolises got out the proverbial keys to the cities and shined them to a brilliant golden hue. The town band rehearsed the march that they had been learning for the occasion and everything was in readiness.

Vallejo Honored

The natives of Vallejo will long remember the day that Mr. Paterson, called Pat by his real friends, and other things by his enemies, came home for Easter vacation. The key to every speak-easy in the town was handed to Mr. Paterson to commemorate the day. It was rumored that some unkind soul sold the navy yards to Paterson, within an hour after he had stepped off the train. Boyle also visited Vallejo, but he was told via the postal service that the town marshall would be waiting for him, so he slipped into town in the middle of the night.

Simas in Hospital

Simas was notified before vacation that if he came to the old homestead during vacation he would have to work in order to help pay off the mortgage on the place, so Butch decided that this would be a good time to have those tonsils that were bothering him removed.

Madera Rejoices

McNally, the football team of Saint Mary's, coming home. Thus read the headlines of the last issue of the Madera Mad Monthly. Accordingly, the populace turned out in their Sunday best. On arrival the fire marshal presented Mr. McNally with a pearl gate floral piece. Other towns were graced with the presence of Saint Mary's football men, but as yet we have not learned of the manner in which they were received. When this news is telegraphed in by our correspondents we will publish an extra.

Some Remain at School

There are football men that maintain that the reason they stayed at school during vacation was that baseball practice made this necessary. These are Seghetti, Peebles, Ebding, MacCaffery, Stennett and Pitchford. Take a look at these nomenclatures and if you are acquainted with these men you will perhaps realize that baseball practice could not be the only reason that they remained at school personally. We think that the one man police force of their respective cities threatened to incarcerate them in the local Bastille if they showed their handsome faces on the main street.

WORK IS RUSHED ON GYMNASIUM

Should Be Completely Finished Next Term for All Sports

Next semester the campus will have one of the best gymnasiums on the Coast, according to the present plans. The locker rooms and the bare necessities for the care of the teams have already been taken care of, but so far nothing has been done for the general student body. The handicap has been a lack of money, and while this factor is still causing trouble the outlook is promising for the finishing of the gym proper before the fall semester.

The new gym will offer many advantages to the students. Intramural sports, swimming, handball, and general workouts will offer plenty of exercise to the students. Besides the physical advantage there is the social side of the new gym. The floor of the bym will offer plenty of dancing space and lounge rooms will provide comfort and pleasure for fair visitors to the campus. Also the gym will increase the old "do or die" spirit that permeated the college in the days gone by. Student body activities will now have a more prominent place in the student's daily life, as the gym will offer a place in which ti meet.

Swimming Taken Off

For the students' benefit the heat of the summer months will be relieved by a large modernly equipped swimming pool which will not have any "No Swimming" signs erected in its proximity. Dressing quarters for all students as well as the members of the various athletic teams will be amply taken care of. The new gym will develop and become a reality,

Inter-Hall Baseball To Get Under Way

Students Show Keen Interest in Contests to Start Monday

An inter-dormitory baseball elimination tournament to be played on the Freshman baseball field has been organized and sponsored under the auspices of Brother Thomas and Slip Madigan. Several teams will represent each dormitory and the play will begin Monday, April 8th. As yet the schedule has not been arranged but the tournament will be based on the maxim "survival of the fiittest." The purpose of the tournament is to stimulate interest in inter-dormitory athletic activities and will lead to other such contests as tennis, handball, basketball, and the like. As a secondary purpose it has the occupying of resident students who have less than nothing to do in the afternoons on these bright sunny afternoons after classes are dismissed.

All Dormitories to Compete

All the dormitories are represented in the contest and each will have a number of teams entered, and these teams will eliminate one another until the cream of each dormitory will play off for the championship of the campus. Nine men will play on each team and the games will consist of five innings. Two games will be scheduled each afternoon, the first contest beginning at 4:30 p.m. The regular indoor equipment, one bat and one indoor baseball, will be used in each of these games.

All Varsity and Freshmen baseball player swill not be allowed to participate in the games due to their first cass experience and practice with the respective teams. These athletes will act as officials and are now spending their leisure time reading Spalding's little handbook of rules for indoor baseball.

Special prizes have been picked by the sponsors and will go to both the team winning and to the individual stars. These have been offered so as to stimulate each player to do his best rather than to have a good time at the expense of his fellow team mates.

Keen interest in this new line of time expenditure and athletic activities has been shown by the resident students and many teams have been organized by the men interested in copping one of the valuable prizes that have been so thoughtfully procured by the men who have put themselves to such an extra task in order to provide amusement for the resident students.

As yet no team has been seen in action and nothing in the way of dope can be adjudged by the critics unless it is based on the outcome of the interclass football tournament last semester, and according to this the edge must go to members of the Senior Hall.

Gaels Beat Valva

In an easy game against the Valva Hardware Company last Thursday, the Phoenix romped away with a 10-0 victory. Stud Stennett, pride and joy of the Sophomores, came in from his position in the outfield and uncorked a brand of pitching that held the Hardware men helpless. For seven innings Stennett toyed with his befuddled opponents, leaving the game only to make way for Bill Fischer, who pitched two innings.

Saint Mary's Next To Cellar in League

Losses During Easter Vacation Put Gael Baseball Team on the Toboggan

	Won	Lost	Pct.
California	7	2	.777
Santa Clara	7	3	.700
U. S. C.	3	2	.600
U. C. L. A.	2	3	.400
Eaint Mary's	2	5	.286
Stanford	1	7	.125

California, with Norm Horner, the pitching ace, looks to be the best team in the league, and is now leading with a percentage of .777, having lost but two games, while Santa Clara has lost three. California, slow to get started, is finishing in cyclonic fashion.

The Broncos have a good team, built around Owens, stellar first baseman, who has received offers from several professional teams.

U. S. C. seems to have a strong team, but played no games last week.

U. C. L. A., the other Southern California team, has risen from the cellar by taking the series from the Stanford Cardinals.

Saint Mary's, four-year champions of the league, is having its troubles this year. The Phoenix has already suffered several losses to Santa Clara and California.

Last year graduation hit the championship team hard, and Coach Madigan has had much difficulty and little success with this year's team. He is forming a nucleus for a championship team next season.

Stanford has surprised fans by losing seven out of its eight games. When the Cardinals defeated Saint Mary's their prospects seemed bright, but the effort seems to have been too much for them. Many of the Stanford defeats have been close, and due to bad breaks. Man for man Stanford is one of the best teams in the league, but their team work is poor, as is their coaching.

Frosh Baseball Team Loses to Bear Cubs

In one of the best games of the season the California Babes nosed out the Gael Frosh in a ninth inning rally 2 to 1. The game was resplendent with thrills and fast plays.

This win gives California the series as they took the first game, 9 to 3. "Lefty" Maihlo of California was on the mound in both games and in the second game allowed only four hits.

For the Saints, Treseder took the pitching duties and turned in a nice game. Not only did he pitch but he fielded well and was responsible for two assists.

The teams went into the last of the ninth frame 1-all, but with two clean hits the California Babes forced another man across the rubber and took the game and series.

Swimmers to Paddle In Spring Water Hole

Since the faculty have placed a ban on swimming in the lake, the students have looked elsewhere to find a place where they can gratify their aquatic desires. As yet nothing has been done in the way of improvement but nevertheless some of the students have had some good swims in the hole left by the steam shovels up the road going east from the campus, where they excavated gravel.

Water from a spring near by has filled this hole which is above nine feet in depth. The only disadvantages are numerous tin cans which have more or less polluted the watter, and lack of space. With a little work by the students the place could be enlarged and cleaned up and a springboard could be made and arranged so that those interested in diving could enjoy themselves.

The hole is so situated that it is partly shaded and those subject to sunburn will find plenty of protection in the shade. During the warmer part of the year many will find comfort paddling around in the cool, refreshing spring water even as the hole now stands.

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GAELS SUFFER DEFEATS OVER EASTER RECESS

Losses to Bears and Broncos Blast Hopes for Another Championship

With all chance for a baseball title gone, the Phoenix must fight to keep from sliding into the cellar. The skids are greased and the grade is steep; if Saint Mary's is to remain even in its present lowly position it must play ball, for there is still one position that is even lower. All that keeps the Phoenix out of the cellar now is Stanford, which has already beaten the Phoenix once and may do it again.

After a smashing start, with victories over Stanford and California, the Phoenix folded up and faded away to but a ghost of its former self — and a sorry shade at that. Playing on their reputation they now have little to play on.What former teams have done does not count in this year's standing, and the Gaels are just as far down on the list as if they had not been champions since the organization of the league.

"Red" Conlan

Bears Conquer

After bowing to Santa Clara the Phoenix met a tartar in California, who took up where the Broncos left off and sent the Gaels back to Moraga smarting under a 4-3 defeat. Leading until the eighth inning, loose fielding allowed California to rally, scoring the tying and winning runs on infield errors at second base. Ackerman, Thomas and Seghetti poled out triples, but there were few timely bingles, and Horner, pitching a cool and heady game, was never in real danger. When the Saint Mary's errors presented the Bears with two runs in the eighth it also presented them with the ball game. This gave the Bears their opportunity to take the series. They did.

Broncos Win

When the Phoenix traveled down to San Jose they found the Broncos poor hosts. Showing scant respect for their guests, Santa Clara pasted Saint Mary's all over the lot, and when the smoke of battle had cleared the final reckoning found the Broncos on the long end of an 18-9 score. Eighteen to nine is a fine score for a football game, but in baseball it is rather decisive. Evidently Santa Clara was out to prove themselves the better team, and they did it in a manner that admits of no argument.

After the game both teams met at a banquet in the Santa Clara dining room. Yells were exchanged and food was annihilated. It was Saint Mary's only chance to get even with the Broncos, and they ate with gusto.

This gives the Broncos their first series victory in a major

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OUTCLASSED

Santa Clara	AB	R	H
Rowland, lf	6	1	3
Morey, cf	2	4	1
Owen, 1b	5	2	2
Falk, 3b	4	3	0
Gaddy, rf	5	2	2
Harper, 2b	4	0	1
Axt, c	6	2	3
Jaqua, ss	1	2	0
Simoni, p	4	2	2
	37	18	14

Saint Mary's—	AB	R	H
Smith, 3b	3	2	2
Thomas, 2b	4	2	0
Rooney, 1b	4	0	2
Ackerman, lf	4	1	2
Seghetti, cf	4	0	1
Dana, rf	4	1	1
Penitenti, ss	2	0	0
Kasper, c	3	2	2
Conlan, p	1	0	0
Stennett, p	1	0	0
Matson, p	1	0	0
Fischer, p	2	1	1
Simas, ss	3	0	0
Obermiller	1	0	0
	37	9	11

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DIAMOND DUST

By JACK HAMILTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Now that the sad news is known there seems little to say. We congratulate the winners and admit we lost to harder fighting teams. Silence shall be our best alibi.

Norm Horner, Bear hurler, proved rather conclusively that the Saint Mary's batters had nothing on him. In fact he had it on them, pitching to only twelve men in four innings.

The team suffered two bad breaks when Hamilton, star twirler, resigned to play professional ball, and Silva, shortstop, threw his arm away. This double loss came in the nature of a calamity.

U. S. C. meets us here Saturday—we hope to win. But if we lose we will not be surprised. Having tasted the dregs, as it were, we are prepared for the worst.

It is easy to cast ironic sarcasms at a losing team. The writer is prepared for the time honored aphorisms, to wit: "Why aren't you out there?" "See if you could do better," etc. If the team had given its best and lost there would be no cause for complaint. But even the ball players admit that they are better than their standing indicates. The fight and grit that has won for Saint Mary's teams the respect and admiration of their opponents is missing. It isn't there. If a man comes to bat with two on, well, it's just another time at bat.

Santa Clara had its revenge, and that it was long awaited but makes it doubly sweet. Yes—we congratulate them, too. And, furthermore, we hope they win the pennant they well deserve. But we have a hunch that they would win it anyway—even without this moral support.

The grand old sport is indeed tricky. It is well known that the pennant winners of one season may be the cellar champions of the next. And Saint Mary's, thwarted in its first ambition, is determined not to be deflected from the second.

When he final reckoning is taken it cannot but be realized that the ball team has been playing on its reputation. Now, with that gone, it may be forced to play ball.

BASEBALL

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sport in years. Our only consolation rests in the knowledge that a better and a harder fighting team beat us.

Goodbye Pennant

Last Saturday, at the home diamond, California showed that their first victory was no fluke. They walloped the Phoenix with a will, shutting them out with a 5-0 score. This defeat put Saint Mary's definitely out of the race for the title, and marked California and Santa Clara as the legitimate contenders for the championship.

Presenting a patched lineup, the Gaels afforded the Bears little competition. Conlan, poorly supported, was constantly in trouble. Two hits in the second inning gave the Bears a one run lead which in itself would have been sufficient to win the game. Four hits, an error and a walk gave California four runs in the sixth and put the game on ice.

Norm Horner, the best pitcher seen in college ball this year, was at the top of his form. He worked easily and consistently, having the Phoenix batters baffled and under control at all times.

SERIES ENDS

California—	AB	R	H
Butler, 2b	5	0	2
Swenson, 2b	2	0	1
Furman, rf	4	0	1
Stevenson, 1b	5	0	1
Burgett, lf	4	2	2
Rickson, cf	4	1	0
Valianos, ss	4	0	0
Wyatt, c	4	1	0
Horner, p	4	1	2
	37	5	10

Saint Mary's—	AB	R	H
Smith, 3b	4	0	0
Thomas, 2b	1	0	0
Rooney, 1b	4	0	0
Ackerman, lf	4	0	1
Kasper, c	4	0	00
Seghetti, cf	4	0	2
Penitenti, ss	3	0	0
Dana, rf-2b	3	0	0
Conlan, p	3	0	1
Stennett, rf	2	0	0
Silva	1	0	0
	33	0	5

ROCKNE PICKS ALL-AMERICAN SQUADS

Much has been said about the impossibilities of picking an all-American basketball team. However, I have been picking eleven football players at Notre Dame for several years out of hundreds of candidates, and no one realizes more than I do the possibilities of doing this one hundred per cent correctly. I have never picked a team but what some Tom the Barber or Dick the Cigar Man, or Harry the Baker have found a flaw.

Instead of picking a basketball team consisting of five men, I feel that with the information available, perhaps picking the eleven outstanding basketball players might not be out of order. I have never picked less than eleven men for any team, in fact the number has always been eleven, and hence my choice of this number on this occasion.

All-American Basketball Team

Centers

Corbin, California.
Murphy, Purdue.
McClary, Washington.

Forwards

Hyatt, Pittsburgh.
Thompson, Montana State.
Foster, Wisconsin.
Schaaf, Pennsylvania.

Guards

McCoy, Michigan.
Churchill, Oklahoma.
Dougherty, Fordham.
Smith, Notre Dame.

To the victor belong the spoils, says Victor Ponti, as he blossoms forth with new sweaters, sox, and shirts. Ponti, who won the Irish Marathon, procured these with his treasure, a merchandise order of ten dollars. When asked what he had bought he laughed and put out his chest and said, "Just look at me."

To see him all dressed up should increase enthusiasm and next year's Marathon should be one of the best eevr beheld at the College. The other winners are just as glorious in their victory as is Ponti and like him have come to class decked in new sweaters and shirts.

FOURTH ESTATE

Harry B. Smith — Pat Frayne — George T. Davis — Al T. Baum

With thousands of Americans, young and old, up and down the Pacifis Coast, following every happening in the world of sport, it is only natural that the public should want to meet and know the few chosen experts who report the facts; the few who, with delightfully entertaining styles, work their way into the daily life of the individual that to miss the "by-line" in the morning or afternoon newspaper is quite akin to going without one's breakfast or dinner.

Four of the leaders who have won their way into the hearts of the sports public with their virile stories of young American manhood on the field of combat are Harry B. Smith, sports editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, Al T. Baum, sports editor of the San Francisco Examiner, Pat Frayne, sports editor of the San Francisco Call, and George T. Davis, sports editor of the San Francisco Bulletin.

Although this brilliant quartet by no means completes the entire field, they have through years of truth telling in their columns, through years of well written copy, so succeeded in touching the heartstrings of their readers that today their word can be known as nothing else but fact; their opinions up and down the Pacific slope are the basis for thousands of arguments on every imaginable line of sports.

Harry B. Smith, the first named of the quartet, will complete in September his twenty-fifth year as sports editor of the San Francisco Chronicle. Smith, as have the other three, so succeeded in injecting his dynamic personality into his copy that his name has become a house-word throughout the Pacific Coast, and surely a well recognized one throughout the various newspaper offices of the United States. Adept at all forms of sports writing, as again may be said of the other three, Smith has leaned to the ring. From all over the country, come inquiries of Smith on his opinion of present day fighters who seek matches in distant states. It was he who started the now nationally famous Chronicle Sporting Green. No big western ring battle is complete without his presence in the press row, just as no Sporting Green is complete without his daily column, "Sports," covering every branch of athletics.

Another sports-writing personality who has worked his way to the pinnacles of western journalism is Al T. Baum, of the Examiner, whom thousands follow each day through his daily column, "The 2D Guess," and which is second only to the sports page which he edits, known throughout the journalistic world as one of the best.

Baum at one time was president of the Pacific Coast league, and baseball hence is his forte, although, as a sports editor of one of the big San Francisco dailies must be, Baum is adept at covering all branches of sports.

It may well be said here that Smith, Baum, Frayne and Davis have been especially kind to young reporters who have had the enviable opportunity to work on their sports pages. Especially have Smith and Baum, the older half of the quartet, seen more than one leave their offices after several years of experience and advice, to shine on one of the big metropolitan dailies of the East.

Robert T. Ripley, whose "Believe It or Not" is now a third best seller in the book world, came down from Santa Rosa to get his start while Smith was handling sports for the Chronicle. Others, too numerous to mention, have both preceded and followed "Believe It or Not" Rip, thanks to the kindly teaching of Smith and Baum.

Another sports personality who each day climbs higher in the estimation of sports followers is Pat Frayne, sports editor of the San Francisco Call Pink Sheet. Although comparatively new to the fold, Frayne has made up for that disadvantage by writing boldly, truthfully and cleverly his impressions of various sports classics. Football is Frayne's strongest racket, and his stories are eagerly sought by a legion of readers whose only sports god is the Call Pink, edited by Pat Frayne, plus his "Razzberries and Resin."

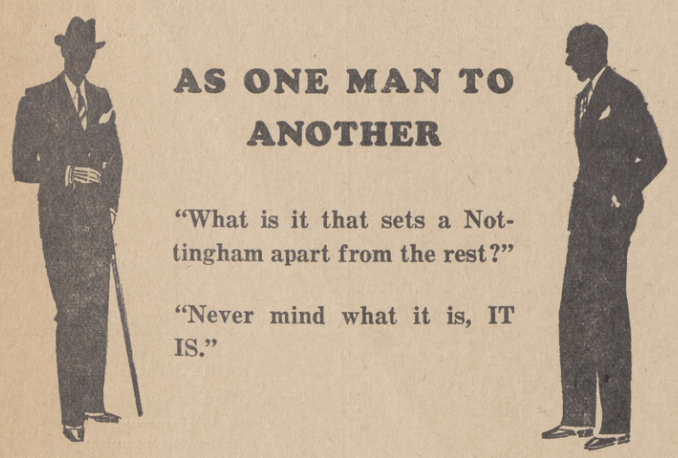
San Francisco Bulletin readers look with respect to the writing and opinions of George T. Davis, the Bulletin sports editor. Davis, who during football season has acted as an official in the big intercollegiate games, has been in the position to give his readers a positively different angle than the writers who sit in the press box. Tennis knows its dean of writers in Davis, although he goes right down the line with the best of them in covering various events.

It follows that each sports followed should have his favorite sports editor for no apparent reason other than personal taste. With this quartet, which has been very kind to Saint Mary's athletic teams, from which to pick, the average fan in any line is certain to be pleased, though there are a host of others who are toasted up and down the Coast.

Sports Editor's Note—The Collegian will continue to give the facts on more of the sports writers of the daily press in succeeding issues.

Eric Krenz, giant Stanford star, broke the world's discus throw record with a heave of 163 feet 8¾ in.

The toss broke the record held by "Bud" Houser, former Stanford track man, of 158 feet 1¾ in. made in 1926.



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ON THE MARGIN

By H. F. Dobbins

Mark Twain had a knack of writing and brand of humor and philosophy that continues to be read. To any who have thumbed the 25 volumes of the Harper Brothers authorized edition of his works, or any edition which includes everything Twain wrote, may find this information useful:

The Mark Twain Association offers another prize of $50 for the ten best quotations from Mark Twain's books. The contest closes October 1, 1929, and details may be obtained from Mrs. Ida Benfey Judd, 415 Central Park West, New York City, organizer and president of the association.

Lord Dunsany is an Englishman who besides his title is recommended to readers for his poetry and clever plays. Since Hans Anderson passed on there has been no obvious weaver of fairy tales as Dunsany. Dunsany does not attack his story like Anderson, but drifts imperceptibly from an informal chat about the stock market, radios, bachelors, into the realm of divine madness.

Consider "The Jest of Hahalaba," the last play in a new volume entitled "Seven Modern Comedies," out under the Putnam imprint.

A business man is the hero of the play. Aided by an alchemist, this modern business man forces the spirit of Laughter to get him, on New Year's night, a complete file of the "Times" for the coming year. Having avidly noted the market quotations of the future, and also written out the name of the next Derby winner, the business man, secure in the knowledge that he will make millions, settles down to read next morning's paper. In it he finds his obituary, and dies from the shock.

Too many biographies skip the formative years in a man's life. Beginning with the false assumption that eminent men are born not made, biographers surmise these eminent men, in some occult way, took in a fund of learning; and in taking it in remained immune to the stupid habits and foolish errors ever connected with the problem of study.

In a biography issued last fall and delving into the traditional life of Cotton Mather with more than ordinary accuracy, this problem has been solved. The volume is called "Cotton Mather, Keeper of the Puritan Conscience."

Cotton, aged twelve, went up to Harvard primed with a reading and writing knowledge of Latin, a reading knowledge of Greek, and an acquaintance with Hebrew. The boy was diligent, openly ambitious to assume the mantle of his saintly ancestors and continue the line of Mathers. His brothers and sisters, at home, were kept from disturbing him. His mother stood in awe of her son's learning, and Increase Mather, the father, spent frequent hours reading and praying with his precocious and virtuous son.

Harvard in 1660 occupied one building, barricaded with a six-foot fence, and governed by rules that listed the entrance requirements of all students besides regulating their speech and conduct. Young Cotton was like a duck out of water at Harvard. The seniors interrupted his study hours by coarse jokes. They dispatched Cotton to purchase playing cards, and he handled them like some Satanic toy; they trapped him to listening to their oaths, and gulled him to utter blasphemous expressions.

Cotton wrote a pleading letter to his father, but Increase Mather was told his son needed this kind of training to fit him for life, and Cotton stayed at Harvard. These years, the formative ones in Cotton Mather's life, come to the surface in his active ministerial work: Cotton Mather had a "persecution complex." He believed every one who contradicted his opinion was deliberately tyrannizing over him. Through 47 years Cotton Mather remained the most persecuted New England minister, and the "complex" had its origin in his Harvard years.

Nor was Increase Mather an unlearned or weak father. A Harvard graduate, a man entrusted with the affairs of Salem to the English court, Increase wrote such books as "An Arrow Against Profane and Promiscuous Dancing Out of the Quiver of the Scriptures." This bland way of retorting to a dancing master's attempt to introduce "mixt dances" in Boston, was similar to a learned commentary by Cotton Mather's grandfather, on "Spiritual Milk for Boston Babes," which was "Drawn From the Breasts of Both Testaments."

A seventeenth-century parent felt it obligatory to prepare his children for death; the nineteenth-century parent is evidently apologetic for having thrust life upon his child and so wants to thrust happiness upon him. Cotton Mather, when two of his children had "been newly scorched with gunpowder," but not dangerously, took the occasion to talk about the eternal fire.

This certitude of death was a primary trait of Mather's. Through his early diary he records the certainty to be called from life. He awaited an early death, and was yearly surprised as he continued in life and vigor. The aftermath was this: Increase Mather, the father, rounded out eighty-four good years, his son Mather reached sixty-four.

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JOE CLAUSE'S GAEL-O-GRAMS

Our heartiest congratulations to the well known columnist, Will Ridings, who retires from his post of humor, with a sound assortment of limbs and salubrius body. Whoever does that after writing humor for a year hangs up a record. He retires with the good wishes of all. I thought you'd say that.

Will Ridings retires alive. thus losing the opportunity to join the immortal ranks of Caesar, Obregon, McKinley (and others which I will look up before this goes to press). Who were shot—yes. I know he was not, don't get excited! (N. B.—Proof reader, run that boy Caesar out of there, and substitute some one that was shot. Lincoln has first call.)

Enemies claim that at times even Will has been half-shot but we know better. (Better Liquor.) But all patter aside, this column would like to send Will, like Lincoln, out with a bang! Chicago papers please copy. Good luck! Mr. Ridings! I know the training acquired in the Whoopee will help you in writing your thesis.

The Following Is a Historical Phillipic

(Reading time. Between Oakland and Moraga on Short Line. It was in the hey-hey! days of Rome—the emperor was Euripides—We cannot refrain stating that he was the composer, promoter and manager of the popular song hit called "Euripides Pants I'll Breaka Lour Neck." (Recorded by the Imperial, Ethereal, Ethiopion Trio.)

The rabble was at the gates—"Eile mit weile!" (bread and wine) came their frenzied shouts—Poppeia appears at the balcony—(Author's note—"She was the dossie that bathed three times a day in the milk of 300 she-asses.") She was singing to Nero. "You're the cream in my bath-tub—"

The great unwashed below applauded generously. It meant Bread, Wine and games to them. The Pretorian Guard flung pumpernickle hither and yon. Such were the days of Ancient Rome.

Now the spotlight of time turns to Moraga Valley. It is 12 o'clock noon—what a sublime sight takes place when the gates of the Refectory are crashed!—What pikers the old Romans were!—No fight. No spirit in those boys.

When some trring waiter opens the doors a fiendish cry is raised and 11 persons try to get through the door in a huddle—Feminine bargain hunters up from Whitthorne and Swan to watch the fun and scoff, remain to pray—for the dead. Klondike Miners blush when they think of their amateurish Big Push when they see this pushing exhibition.

Lumberjacks up for the day hide their faces in shame and leave when they witness this bone crushing feat. Meanwhile 300 students fight madly to chush through the doors. Finally the flower of Saint Mary's has gone inside. A dull roar pours from the swinging doors, keeping the spectators at a respectful distance.

A lone figure appears after the brawl. Someone unfit for such a gruelling contest appears. Quickly he slides into the room. Yep! Al Tobin ain't the man he used to be.

Our suggestion to remedy this barbarous act isorereyfv etaoinetao barous act is for every one who has a meal ticket to form a line. These six persons should hold a text book and sing some late song hit like "Two by two they go marching thru,' those sweethearts on parade," etc. This goes on for any length of time.

Now, students, let's have some improvements on this score. If no improvement is shown then this article has been a failure.

By this time you should be at Oakland. If you are not ask the conductor on the train for your money back because the train is undoubtedly late. I sak ASK for it back. Don't try to get it.

- VAPID VIEWS -

Of all our literary scenes,
Saddest the sight to me—
The graves of little magazines
That died to make verse free.
—Keith Preston.

Someone has said that the greatest evil of widespread education is the fact that it has deprived the world of a great many excellent carpenters. I believe that most of these misdirected wielders of the mallet have sneaked into the field of modern poetry. Its rhythm is the buzz of the electric saw, cutting through the pure grain of beautiful ideals and leaving nothing more permanent than wind-scattered sawdust.

As Arnold said of Sophocles, the true test of the poet is that he should see life steadily and see it whole; the freeversist achieves the apex of fame when he goes slumming with a kodak. If the "reflection of contemporary life," which is the slogan of the modern school, is solely a picture of dead bodies floating in the Thames, then Edison is the greatest of living philosophers and Henry Ford the cultural influence of the age.

An English woman questioned as to whether her occupation, the peeling of onions in a pickle factory, was a trade, replied: "Well, there be some as can do it and, again, there be some as can't." So it is with writing poetry; only a few can, and still less realize that they can't. The translation of the movements of the St. Vitus dance into words is not poetry and the mouthings of the psychiatric ward do not afford fit subjects for it.

The trend of the modern world is toward erudition and those who are neither intellectually capable nor technically trained to recognize literary values refuse to admit their limitations. Rather than appear ignorant, to all that they do not understand they affix the word Art, with the added limitation that Art cannot be explained. One of these fine mornings we are going to read of how some woman's club has entertained, to their subsequent embarrassment, an escaped lunatic with the misapprehension that he was a poet. —J. T. D.

OUTLOOKS & INSIGHTS

By Brother Leo

ASSUMING KNOWLEDGE

A writer in a popular weekly recently exposed the wiles of college students who assume a knowledge when they have it not. It seems that some instructors, who might have been more happily employed, served up "catch questions" in examinations. For instance, they asked the meaning of "psychoterminality"—which hasn't any meaning. And twenty-one out of twenty-nine students at the University of Pennsylvania gave definitions of it.

This practice of pretending to know what is not known or of even what is unknowable the magazine writer calls "the fine art of bluffing," and concludes in the light of the experiments that modern higher education trains to dishonesty and pretentiousness. He derives a measure of consolation, however, from the fact that seniors are less given to it than freshmen.

There is another aspect of the matter. If we are to look askance on the student who "takes a chance," what are we to think of the instructor who lays snares for the unwary? If this is a moral matter at all—and that is open to dispute—what is the moral status of the supposed leader of men, the guide to culture, the master of those who know, who deliberately sets a trap to catch the "bluffer," who so conveniently provides "the occasion of sin?"

And when it comes to assuming a knowledge we do not possess, is it only the student who is guilty? Have we ever encountered that professorial monstrosity who, to his own satisfaction at least, knows everything about everything? Is it a very common experience to find a college instructor who is willing to admit, "I don't know?" Perhaps it is possible—just barely possible—to find a teacher who now and then invents information if he has not acquired any.

What the modern world, including the college world, needs to remember is that there is such a thing as the holy virtue of humility. We are all ignorant; and we are liable to stay that way unless we admit our ignorance. It generally requires three or four years in college to teach us how little we know; and some men who have been dwadling around colleges for maybe half a century never really realize their intellectual limitations.

THIS FREEDOM

Recently I have looked into three books, written from widely divergent points of view, about present day Russia; and the three of them are clear in showing that freedom cannot be conferred but must be won. Shortly after the Soviet triumph, marriage in Russia was made easy and divorce even easier. All a Russian had to do, if he wanted to get rid of his wife, was to state the fact formally. Divorce was to be had for the asking—even if the other person didn't want it.

Now they have changed all that. Even a brief experience of the divorce law taught the Russians that in freeing themselves from the bonds of matrimony they were entering into a more exacting bondage—the slavery of caprice, of whim, of passion unilluminated by right reason.

It is so in other things, in Russia and out of Russia. We cannot be made free by statute. The only freedom that matters is the freedom we win; and we win freedom, not by talking about it or by wishing we had it, but by making ourselves worthy of it.

Certain subjects of study and methods of study, sometimes called the liberal arts, train students to make themselves fit for intellectual freedom. The man who knows how to think is free; but he cannot learn to think unless he works everlastingly at it. The freedom of enjoying good music, of ranging at will in the realm of thought, of being able to hold and charm an audience—these are forms of emancipation which no government, which no college, which even no correspondence course, can bestow.

Sometimes it is said, and not unwisely, "Conquer yourself, and then you can conquer your tyrants." I am tempted to amend that: "Conquer yourself, and you will have no tyrants." Tyranny exists only because slaves exist. If you cease to be a slave to fashion, then, so far as you are concerned, the tyranny of fashion is not existent. But you can never rise from slavery—slavery to any habit, any idea, any institution—unless you are willing to pay the price.

The Theatre

There seems to be no end to Henry Duffy's selection of good domestic comedies. The current Alcazar attraction, "Skidding," contains a human interest that insures it of a long run and adds another hit to Mr. Duffy's long list.

This comedy by Aurania Rowerol is quite amusing, although the plot becomes a bit complicated in its solution. The character portrayal, of the light type ,is distinctly true to life. It shows the writer's keen knowledge of middle class life.

The plot concerns the efforts of Judge Hardy to secure the nomination for Judge of the District Court for the fourth time. With the trials and worries of campaigning the Judge is also faced with the complete disunion of his family. His two oldest daughters leave their husbands; his other daughter, Marion, returns from college engaged to be married; his wife leaves, and, lastly, he loses the nomination. By a certain business transaction of Marion's fiancee her father gets the Supreme Court nomination. Marion is elected to the legislature and the family is reunited to make a happy ending.

The cast is all but flawless. Emerson Treacy does the juvenile role of Andy better than anything he has played here before. To him go first honors. Clara Blandick plays Mrs. Hardy in true motherly fashion and is deserving distinction for her work. Grace Stafford, one of the prettiest and most capable ingenues to be seen under the Duffy banner, plays Marion Hardy to good advantage. Judge Hardy is the best characterization Joseph De Stephani has done thus far. Frank Darien plays Grandpa Hardy very effectively. Helen Keers also attracts attention with her portrayal of the maiden aunt, Milly. Helen Kleeb, Bernice Elliott and Thomas Brower are others that contributed a good performance. —Edward Smiddy.

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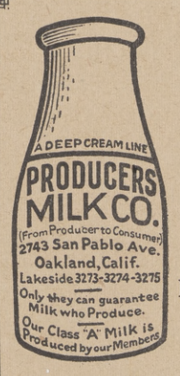
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EDITORIALS

NEWLIGHT ON PROHIBITION

Two events have happened in the last two weeks that are causing citizens of this country to ponder gravely the good and evil of Prohibition. In Illinois, a mother was killed and her husband clubbed into insensibility as the result of an armed invasion of their home by a sheriff and posse searching for alcoholic liquor. The husband was clubbed from behind, and his wife, as far as investigators have been able to determine, was killed by the charge of a slug-loaded shot-gun as she sat before the telephone attempting to call a neighbor. Those guilty of this tragedy represent one type of enforcement official.

Congressman M. Alfred Michaelson of Illinois, after having been given dry support in his campaign, and having voted for several dry measures, including the Jones Act, has been indicted for carrying a large quantity of intoxicating liquors into this country from Cuba. He is an example of a too numerous class among our lawmakers: a class that votes dry but drinks wet.

Whither Prohibition tends is impossible to forecast. But when a country dry in theory is wet in fact, when perhaps most Americans are not convinced of the essential crime of possessing liquor though it is forbidden, and when men for the sake of an appetite are willing to tolerate the outlaw with his violence and corruption, —when these are facts, then we have not temperance but the extremity of disorder. All sane-thinking citizens desire temperance; but many are convinced that Prohibition is not a proper means to attain it.

During President Hoover's term Prohibiftion will pass through a crucial period; likely its fate will be determined.

WHAT PRICE COLLEGIATE

"Collegiates, collegiates, yes, we are collegiates." Ah, indeed! so we are. But does that demand that we must either cast aside all moral restraint and be—shall we say "naughty," or else affect so trifling a manner that we are generally termed "just a silly collegiate"?

Apparently, to be collegiate one of two courses are presented —as Caesar has it, "Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres," only in this case it is two parts—either be naughty or else very silly. That this is generally the verdict is fairly well borne out by the recent rumpus over "Easy of Zee Zee," a drama now in its twenty-ninth week at the Green Street Theatre in San Francisco, and which, for the most part, is composed of collegians.

First, the censors arrived on the scene. They were scandalized and the cast haled into court, but the presiding judge decided that the play should not be prohibited—they were merely very silly players in a very silly play. And that was that.

But decidedly something more than that must be done about the problem. And it is a problem. Not that all college students conduct themselves in the manner of the extravagant collegian, but, as the old saw goes, one apple may spoil the barrel. At any rate, it should be the aim of the student to procure a trifle more poise, a little less notoriety, and a good portion of common sense.

A POOR REASON FOR CONTENTION

Once again we are on the last lap and rolling home. In a few weeks certain fortunate individuals will be handed a "scrap of parchment," farewells will be exchanged, and everyone will be off for vacation. But previous to all this fuss, several functions will be performed—functions vital and necessary for the success of the coming scholastic year. The execution of these functions entails perspicacity and fair-mindness on the part of every member of the student body—depends upon the rejection of all motives except that of the welfare of Saint Mary's.

It is to be regretted that such has not been the case in the past. This year in particular has been the old bugbear—those horrid boarders vs. those bold, grapsing day-dodgers—assume new new and unpleasant forms. The old bugaboo has seriously hampered many general student body and class undertakings and bids fair to destroy all activity except itself, which it nourishes most lovingly. The appeal to discard all dissensions of this nature has been made previously, but apparently has affected little reform, judging by the rampant gossip bruited about. Such facetious spirit should be supressed, at least for such a period as to allow the correct functioning of the student body.

OTHER COLLEGES

Dominican—"Spring is in the air. It will not be long now before heavy coats, the customary and quite necessary two or three sweaters, and dark clothes will give way to light gay colored frocks. Oh, I tell you, spring is in the air. If anyone chanced to be in the Moraga Valley (pronounced Moragy by inmates of Saint Mary's College) on Saturday afternoon, February 9, I am sure that he would join me in my chant. Spring surely rushed upon Saint Mary's College in a Packard sedan, a Buick coupe, a quite internationally famous yellow Dodge coupe, a lovely Ford coupe and a few other types of "What the nobility of Dominical College will attend social functions in this year." The Juniors and Seniors had a wonderful time and the Dean, who accompanied them, returned looking several years younger. Upon their arrival, the guests had lunch. Then they were escorted around the campus and shown through all the buildings. After their survey of the college, they returned to the living room and danced, had tea, and departed—and from that time on, I do not think they have paused in their song of praise of Saint Mary's College in general—the cordiality of the men in particular."—(V. O. H. '31 in The Meadowlark.)

U. C. L. A.—The University of California at Los Angeles will move to its new campus in Westwood sometime before school reopens in September of this year, according to present plans. The new buildings have been under construction for some time and are nearly completed.

Georgetown—In an editorial which appeared in the March 14 issue of "The Hoya," the weekly paper of Georgetown University, the editor complains of the fact that only college editors read editorials. In looking over exchanges he found that several editorials were copied by different college papers throughout the country. The Collegian editorials are for the most part original and when an editorial is borrowed from another paper credit is given to that paper.

Stanford—Regulations forbidding smoking by women at public gatherings on the campus, and in campus buildings, were recently lifted by the action of the women's conference.

Ohio—The bridge craze has taken Ohio State University by storm, and the students are now attempting to determine the best bridge player in the college. Two weeks ago the tournament began with every dormitory and fraternity house having many entrants, and rivalry has waxed hot and heavy ever since.

Nebraska—An editorial in the "Daily Nebraskan" informs instructors that by calling the roll they will not have to lecture quite so long.

Cornell—President Farrel, of Cornell, states that the failure to secure sufficient sleep is one of the growing evils of American undergraduates.

McGill—Dr. Ernest Thomas, of McGill University, recently declared that co-education has increased the marriageable age of girls from 18 to around 30.

Oregon—Members of the senior class at the University of Oregon have appointed "cops" to see that the freshmen are not treated too brutally.

Ohio—Faculty members of Ohio State University have stated that good looks and intelligence go together in defense of the charge that they favor the co-eds and mark them on looks. One, a little less frank, however, admitted that personality is an asset to self-expression.

Stanford—One out of every three Stanford male students has an automobile, according to late figures. Over-indulgent parents cannot be the means of all these cars either, for over one-half of the student owners are looking for near-by garages and in the meantime the vehicles perform nocturnal solos on the pavement.

Campus Comment

Note: The editor has engaged the services of the well-known Uncle Thespian to handle contributions to this column. He holds the PHO degree of psychology, and his many years of association with college men well qualifies him to handle this work. He will welcome any comment on any subject, by any student.

Editor of The Collegian:

The present Junior Class is confronted with a problem that is not only doing the class harm, but will eventually influence the whole school. It is nothing but a matter of despicable politics.

The harmony of the class is split—boarders on the one hand; and day-dodgers on the other. While this element has always existed at Saint Mary's heretofore, it has been one of friendly rivalry and resulted only in mere badinage that culminated in nothing more serious than a baseball or football game. With the Junior Class, who will next year be the leading class of the school, it is different and the whole thing started with last year's election of officers. At that time the boarders succeeded in electing one of their sect to the presidency and they were satisfied. Shortly after the beginnnig of the term, the president left school, and the vice-president was elected to the presidency. Since then, the near-sighted boarders have refused to co-operate and will not back the class activities. The class has had three meetings under the new president: two boarders attended the first; three, the second; and one attended the last.

Without their support, the class was forced to give up a tradition at Saint Mary's—the Junior Prom—and the boarders are gloating in jealous ecstasy over their sophisticated victory.

Being a boarder, I know what I am talking about. I hear them talk and I see them deceive themselves. They meet in one another's rooms and laugh in vicarious glee because they "put one over." A fine example for third year college men! I think it's about time to grow up and use what little common sense they've got.

Sincerely,
A. BOARDER '30.

Yes, A. Boarder, this is a serious problem that will, as you say, eventually influence the rest of the school. If such a condition exists, these men as Juniors, and next year as Seniors, are bound to influence the lower classmen. That, we should never let happen, but this is, of course, only one side of the question. Let's hear what the boarders have to say in defense.

UNCLE THESPIAN.

Chaplain's Corner

"If You Want the Rainbow"

"you will have to take the rain," and if you enjoyed your vacation, you will have to make the most of the first few listless, gloomy days that follow the opening of school. So why not be philosophical, and snap out of the day dreams as soon as possible. There are just about six weeks before the summer vacation. Tackle them with a smile, and they will vanish into thin air before you know it.

Mistakes

Looking back over the past week or so, you may see some rather costly mistakes that have been made—mistakes that perhaps make you feel rather ashamed, rather useless, unnecessary, or even discouraged. Well, there is always hope for the man who can realize that he has made a mistake, and who can still blush spiritually. But once again, stop looking back! Get out of your spiritual gutter as soon as possible, and give your soul a bath. It is not a failure to fall. The only failure is not to get up. Only, the next time you see that same gutter in sight, watch your step!

"If"

You made a fine business deal, one that netted you a splendid profit, and then a few weeks or months later, you had an absolutely safe opportunity to make a similar deal with another great profit—would you pass it up? (Ask the chaps around the campus who are speculating on paper!) Imagine a man saying: O well, I made a fine deal only a few weeks ago, why make another! And yet—that is exactly what many are constantly doing in the most important business in life, the business of their soul. They make a good Easter confession and Holy Communion, they reap a fine spiritual profit, and are wonderfully happy. And then instead of following up and strengthening their spiritual gains by receiving the Sacraments regularly every month or every week, they say: I just went last month, why go again?" If you belong to this class, wake up! for there is such a thing as spiritual bankruptcy.

The Mother's Easter

She had suffered with Him deeply. Every moment of that sorrowful agony in the garden, every station of that pitiful way of the Cross, every anguish of those three hours suffering, were printed indelibly on her heart, and now He was dead. The gloom of Calvary still lingered in Mary's soul. Her Child, her Boy, her Lord, her God, her All, was dead. His mother's heart was broken.

But the night is darkest just before the dawn. Sorrow is deepest and most unbearable just before it is turned into joy. And just as the darkest night brings the brightest dawn so the deepest sorrows are oft followed by the most wondrous joys. If our capacity for suffering is the measure of our capacity for happiness what must have been Mary's happiness when the darkness of Good Friday was lifted with the light of Easter morn! What must have been her joy when Jesus stood glorious at her side! When she gazed in wonder and rapture and love once more upon His face! When Jesus whispered "Mother!" and was enfolded in her arms!

What must have been her joy! Oh, that only the angels of heaven know. But a little taste of that joy is given to every soul that has come close to Jesus in His sufferings on Good Friday, and thus shared in His joy at Easter morn.

Were You There?

Speaking of real happiness, did you notice the crowds of men who went to Holy Communion for the First Friday this morning. It is a wonderful thought when one stops to ponder over it, that each one of those men received into his soul the very source of all happiness and joy; but each took away only that measure of joy and happiness for which his soul was prepared.